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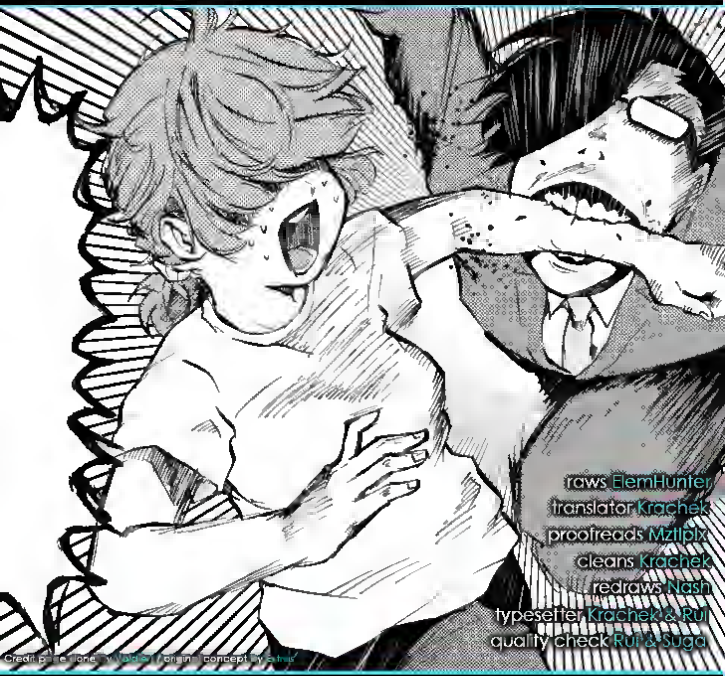
The Stray-away-man and the NEET Nee-chan
by Mikawa Eka



<Krachek> Nash, do you want to be my stray-away-man? :3
<Nash> OMG it's happening
<Nash> K-Krachek-senpai I'd be honoured
<Krachek> You need to wear a collar and act like a dog
<Nash> .....
<Nash> ....woof

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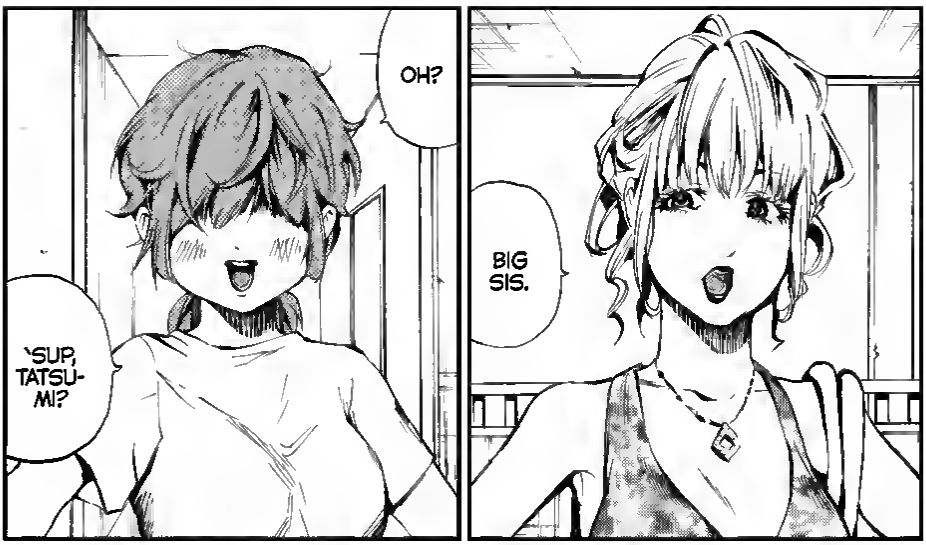
A FRESH 32-PAGE ONE-SHOT!!



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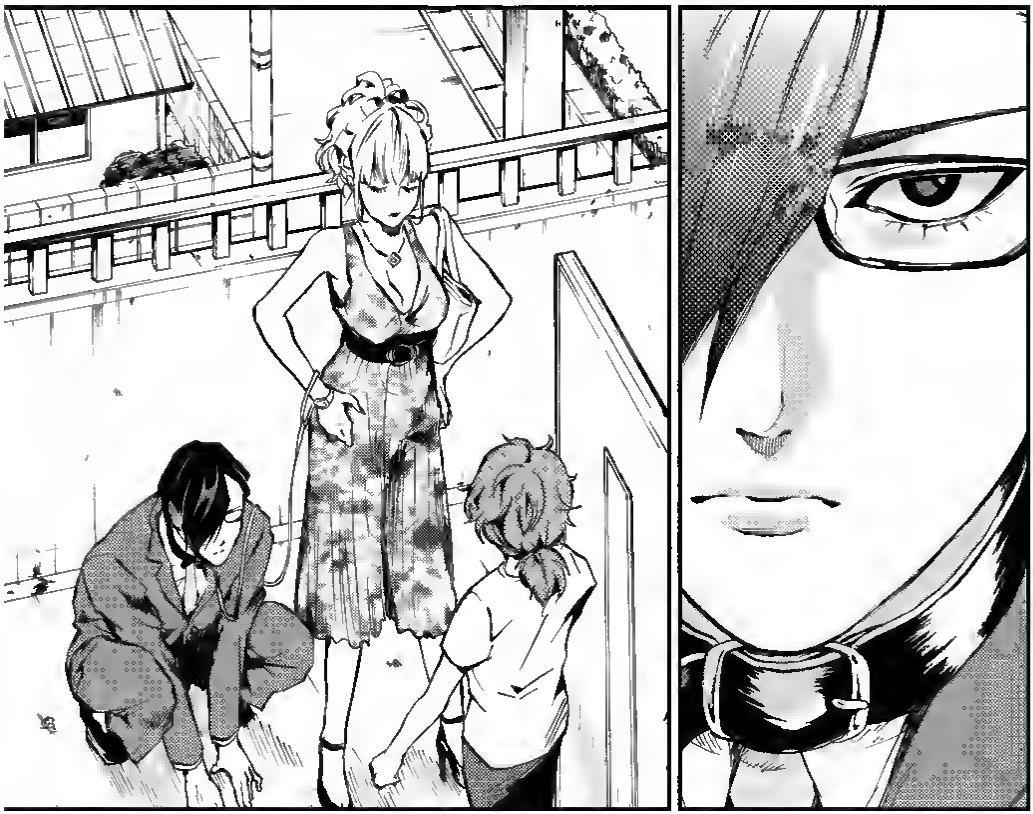
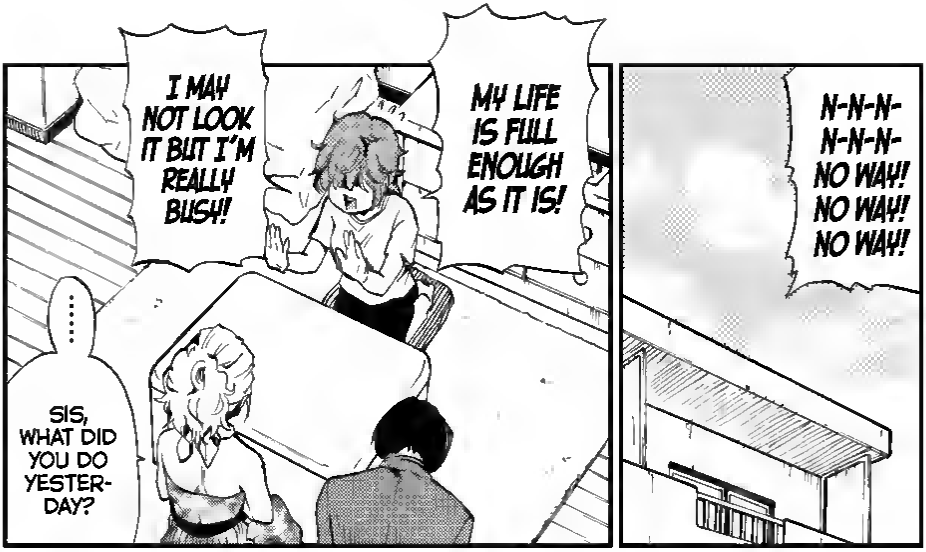


DEDICATED TO ALL PEOPLE WHO WORK AND DON'T WORK.

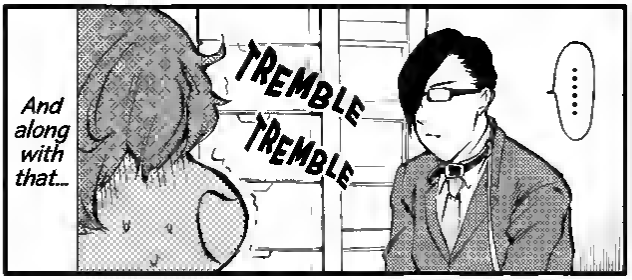
A NON-SOCIETAL AT-HOME COMEDY!
RAISE A SALARYMAN IN ORDER TO BECOME INDEPEN-DENT!
DID I WANT THIS KIND OF PET?!
The Stray-Away-Man and the NEET Nee-chan
SUMMER 2014 FOUR SEASONS AWARD HONORABLE MENTION
MIKAWA EKO


I MAY NOT LOOK IT BUT I'M REALLY BUSH!
MY LIFE IS FULL ENOUGH AS IT IS!
SIS, WHAT DID YOU DO YESTER-DAY?
N-N-N-N-N-N-NO WAY! NO WAY! NO WAY!

THAT SETTLES IT, THEN.
Read BL novels.

A social problem that has occurred in recent years is...
!!
SHOCK
HOW OLD DID YOU TURN THIS YEAR?!
SIS!
AH, GEEZ!
WAAAAAIT! WHAT'S WITH YOU, TATSU-MI? YOU'RE BEING MEAN ALL OF A SUDDEN...

...The stray-away-men.
They are former salary-men who...
...Unable to bear the heavy workload, flee from human society and become feral.


And along with that...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
.....

Salarymen like this one lose their ability to communicate effectively with people.
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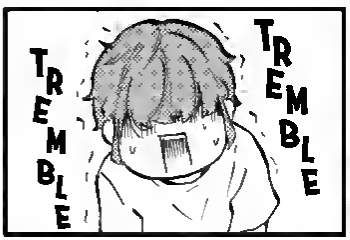
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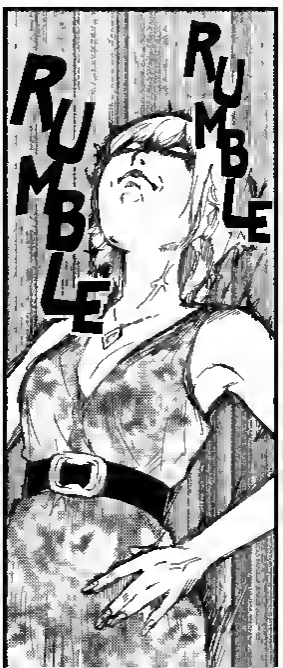
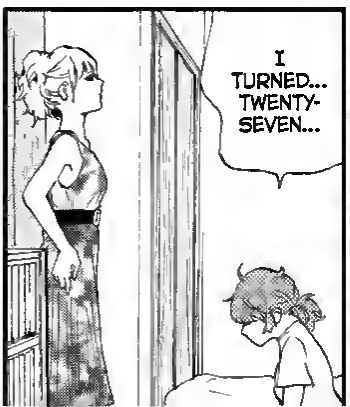
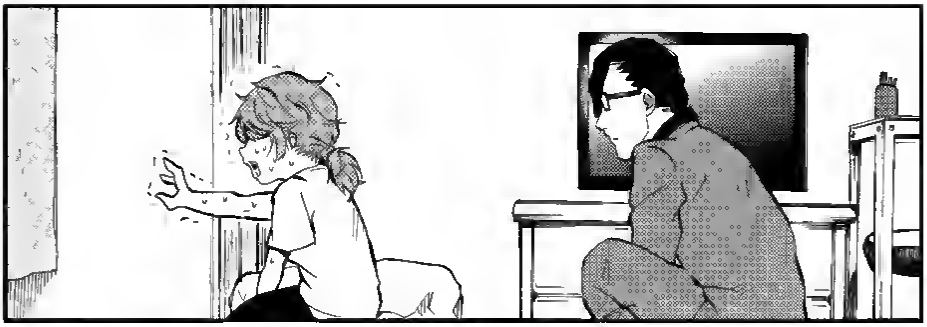
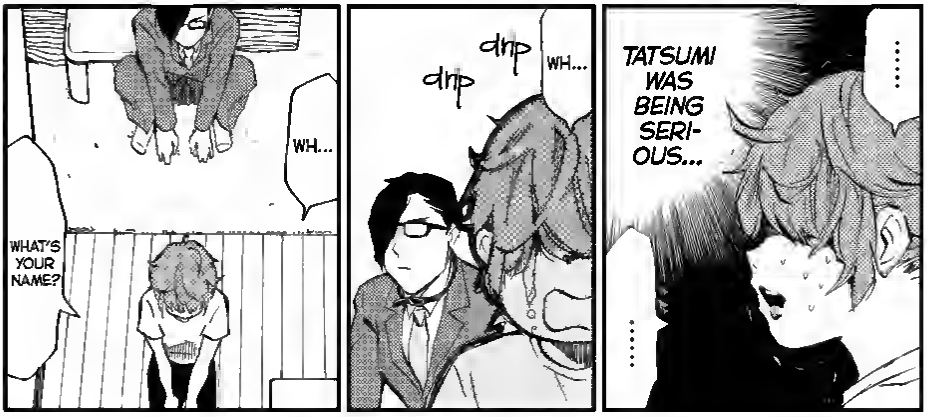

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

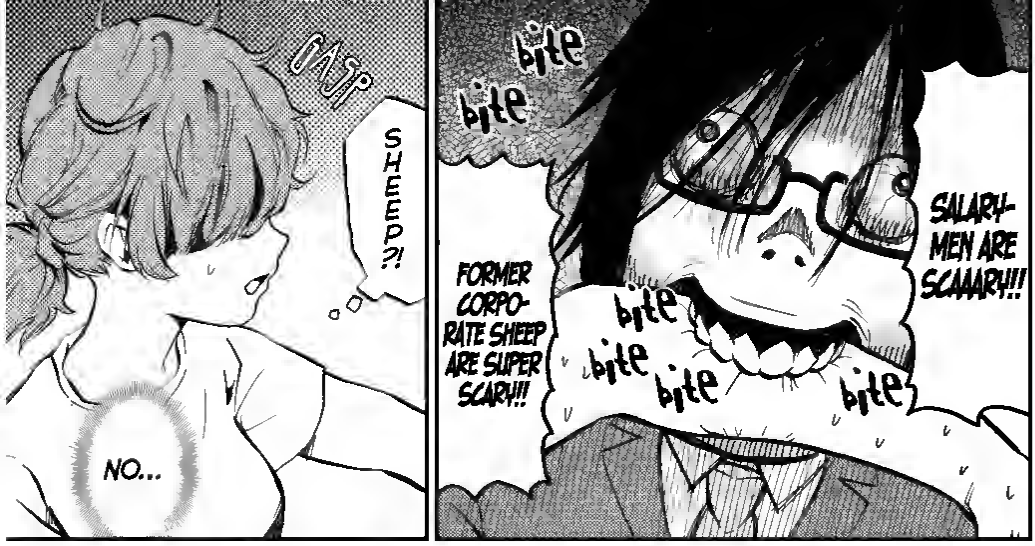

I TURNED... TWENTY-SEVEN...

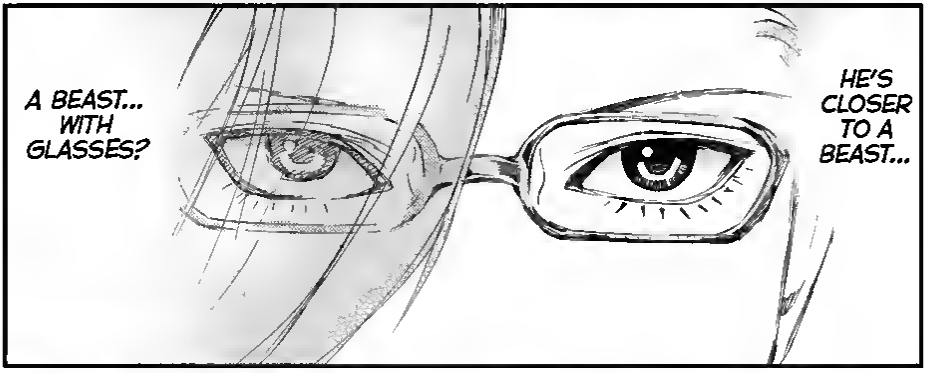
...People who have become afraid of work are on the rise.
NEET
I HAVE AN IDEA, SIS!
EEEKK!!
BECOME INDEPEN-DENT.
...SO HELP HIM FULLY INTEGRATE BACK INTO SOCIETY!
I PICKED UP THIS RELATIVELY DOCILE STRAY-AWAY-MAN...
5
I'M SORRY, SIS...
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
SHUT
WA!...
BY REARING A PET IN THE BEGINNING, YOU WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPON-SIBLITY!
SEE YA.



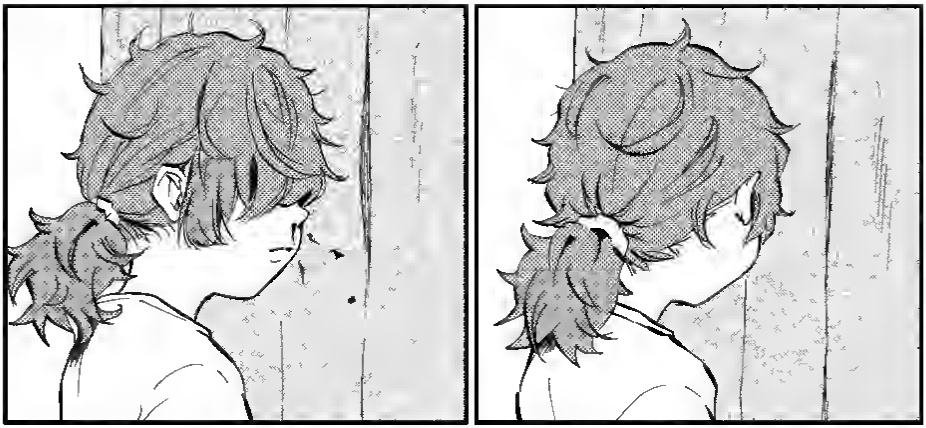

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WH...
drip
drip
WH...
TATSUMI WAS BEING SERI-OUS...

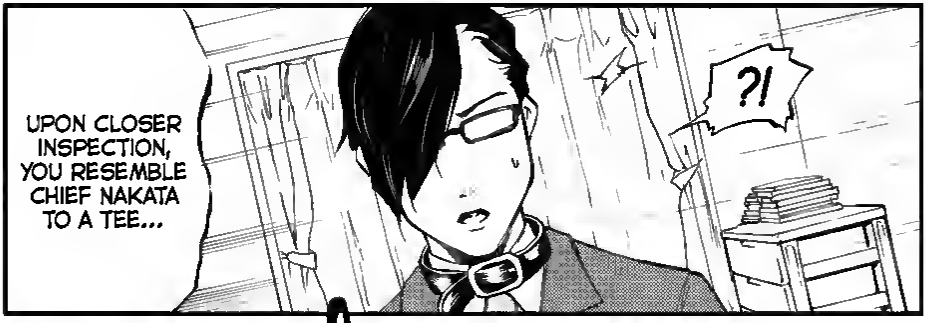
MUHOGEEH?!
CHOMP


GASP
SHEEP?!
NO...
bite
bite
bite
bite
bite
bite
FORMER CORPO-RATE SHEEP ARE SUPER SCARY!!!
SALARY-MEN ARE SCAAARY!!!


A BEAST... WITH GLASSES?
HE'S CLOSER TO A BEAST...

SURPRISE-
WHIP
FUUUUUUUUH?!
A GLASSES-WEARING BEAST AND SALARY-MAN...
AND A SUIT...




UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, YOU RESEMBLE CHIEF NAKATA TO A TEE...
?!

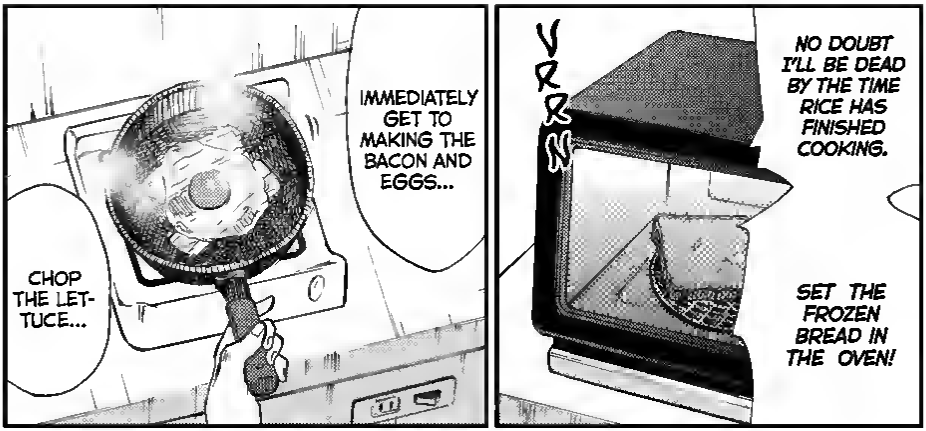
Present
PAY IS
THE LOWER BODY
I AM THE LAW
CHIEF NAKATA!!
YOU RESEMBLE THE GLASSES-WEARING BEAST FROM MY BELOVED BOOK, "OVERTIME PAY IS THE LOWER BODY"...

FUOOOH?!
FWIP
DASH
...

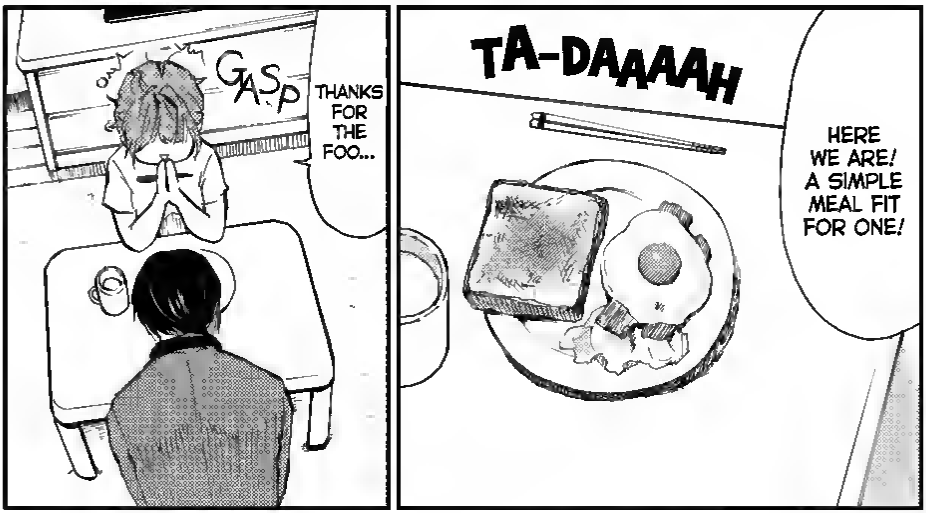
*T/N: WELCOME TO UNDERGROUND IS AN EXPRESSION SAID TO PEOPLE WHO ACCESS 2CH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

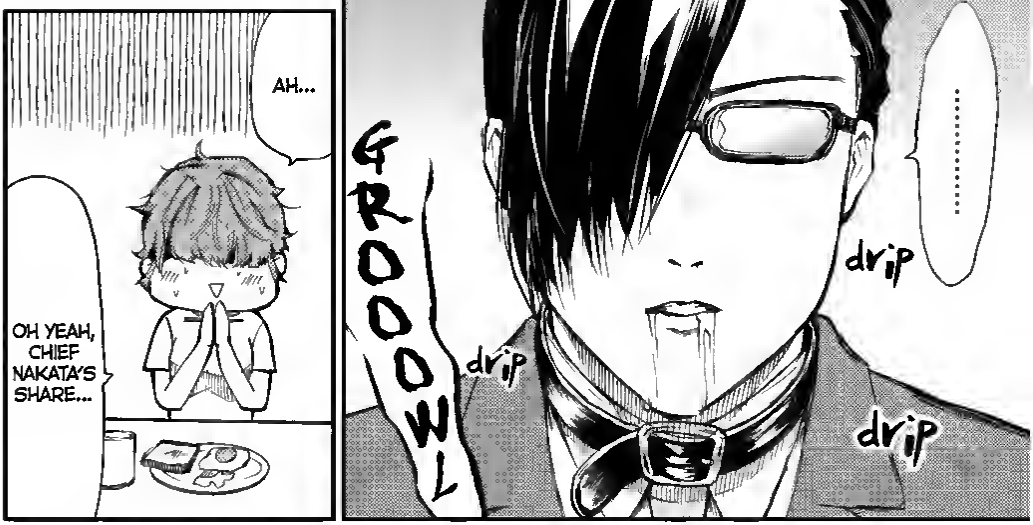
A REAL CHIEF NAKATA HAS COOOME!!
?!
?!
Pant Pant
Pant Pant
SUITS ARE MOE!! YOUR NAME'S GONNA BE "CHIEF NAKATA"!! MY IMAGINATION'S RUNNING WILD! WHOOOOOOP, WHOOOOOP!

When a stray-away-man speaks... That is proof that they recognize you as their master.
OH HO.
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SALARY MAN
...PLEASED TO MEET YA, CHIEF NAKATA.
I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND BUT...
EEEK! I DON'T GET IT!!!
bite bite bite bite
10
FOOD'S A-CALLING!!
WHOA THERE!
GROOOWL
IS THERE ANYTHING IN HERE ABOUT HOW TO REHA-BILITATE THEM BACK INTO SOCIETY?
LET'S SEE...
FLIP
FLIP
SALARY MAN


IMMEDIATELY GET TO MAKING THE BACON AND EGGS...
CHOP THE LET-TUCE...
VRRN
NO DOUBT I'LL BE DEAD BY THE TIME RICE HAS FINISHED COOKING.
SET THE FROZEN BREAD IN THE OVEN!

And done!
.....
Pour the milk...
This milk is tasty

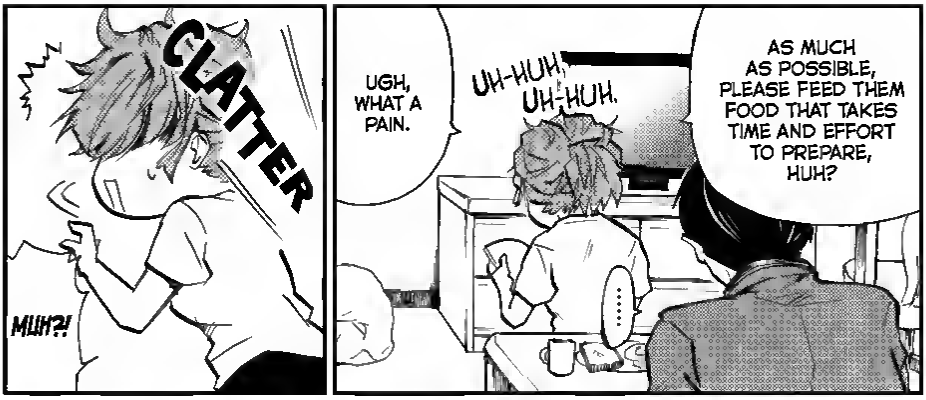

GASP
THANKS FOR THE FOO...
TA-DAAAAH
HERE WE ARE! A SIMPLE MEAL FIT FOR ONE!


AH...
OH YEAH, CHIEF NAKATA'S SHARE...
GROOOWL
drip
drip
drip
.....

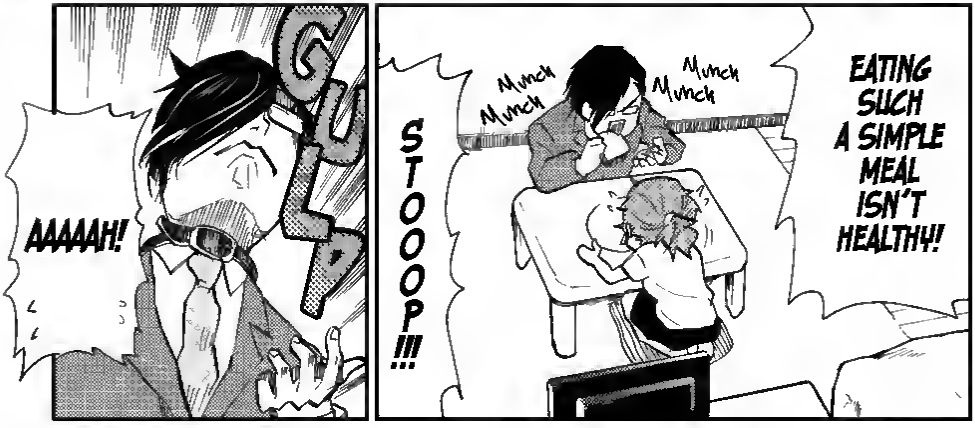
I WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME A HIKIKOMORI IF I HAD THE SOCIAL AWARENESS TO SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS. WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO!
SOZ.
.....

PLEASE BE CAREFUL AS IT WILL WORSEN THEIR STATE OF HEALTH... I SEE.
GIVING THEM THINGS SUCH AS ENERGY DRINKS AND INSTANT FOODS WILL MAKE THEM RECALL THEIR PAST.

UH... WHAT FOOD DOES A STRAY-AWAY-MAN EAT?


CLATTER
HUH?!
UGH, WHAT A PAIN.
UH-HUH, UH-HUH.
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE FEED THEM FOOD THAT TAKES TIME AND EFFORT TO PREPARE, HUH?

MUNCH!
MUNCH!
MUNCH!
HOGYAAAAH?!!
THE HELL IS WITH THAT SUDDEN TRANSFOR-MATION?! IT'S CREEPING ME OUT!


GULP
AAAAAH!
STOOOP!!!
Munch Munch
Munch Munch
EATING SUCH A SIMPLE MEAL ISN'T HEALTHY!

CHIEF NAKA...
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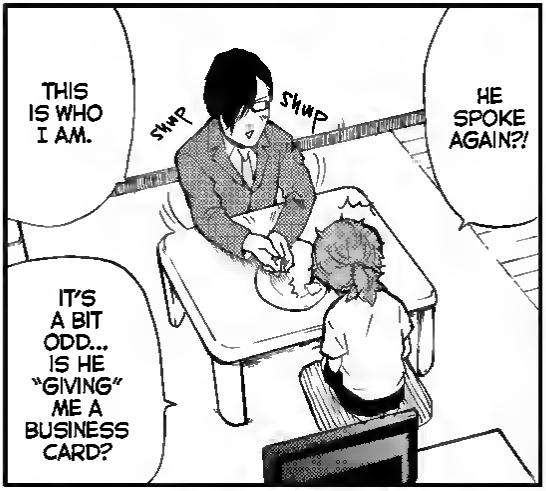
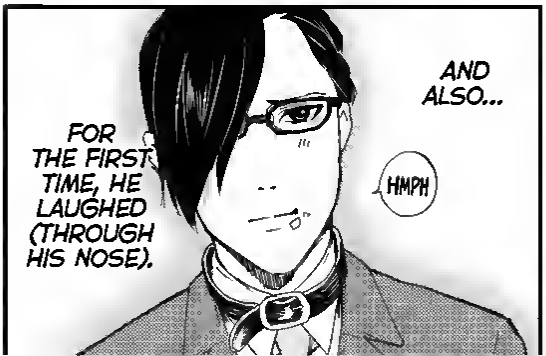

THIS IS WHO I AM.
SHWP
SHWP
HE SPOKE AGAIN?!
IT'S A BIT ODD... IS HE "GIVING" ME A BUSINESS CARD?

I APPRE-CIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE.
...


FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE LAUGHED (THROUGH HIS NOSE).
AND ALSO...
HMPH

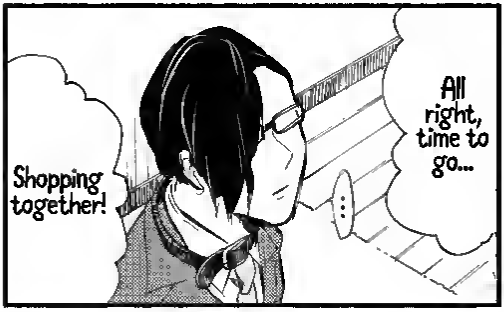
HAD PROBABLY SPENT HIS ENTIRE LIFE WORKING...
.....
WITHOUT EVEN HAVING A SPARE MOMENT TO MAKE BACON AND EGGS, CHIEF NAKATA...
YOU'RE SO CRUEL, TATSUMI! I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANNA!
I DUN WANNA WOOORK!

I'M NO LONGER HUNGRY DESPITE MY STOMACH RUMBLING JUST A WHILE AGO.
HUH?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
You ate all of it, Chief Nakata?
Ah!
BURP

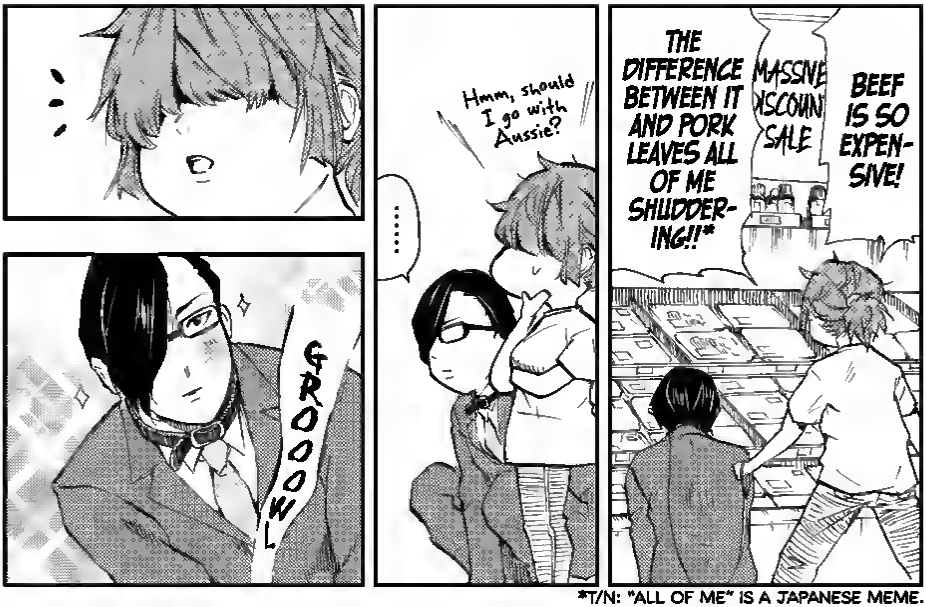
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
THAT I'VE MADE FOOD FOR SOMEONE ELSE...

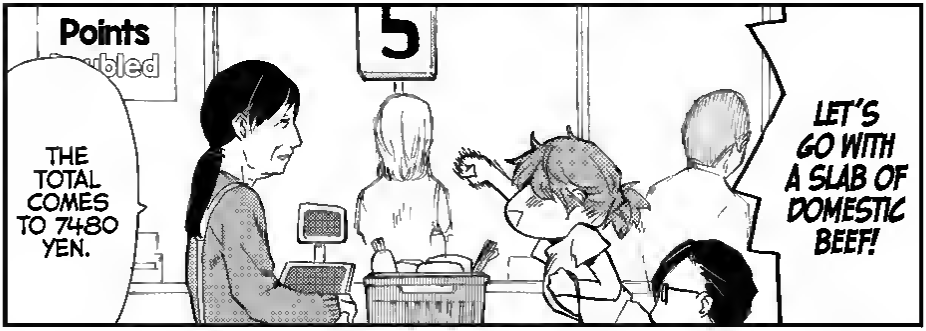
I'll make even better things for you!

FOOOOOH!!!
SHOCK
I CAN FEEL MY SENSE OF RESPON-SIBILITY AS YOUR MASTER!


All right, time to go...
Shopping together!

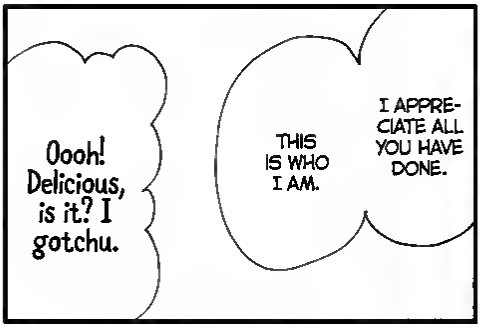
GYOEH?!
Mami Max
Mami Max


BEEF IS SO EXPENSIVE!
MASSIVE DISCOUNT SALE
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IT AND PORK LEAVES ALL OF ME SHUDDERING!!*
Hmm, should I go with Aussie?
.....
GROOO
*T/N: "ALL OF ME" IS A JAPANESE MEME.

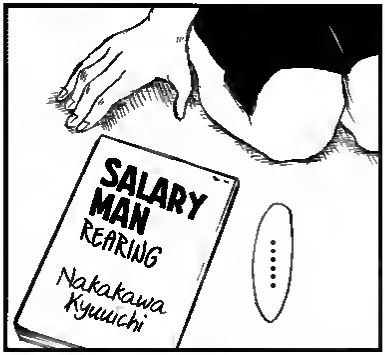

Points
5
THE TOTAL COMES TO 7480 YEN.
LET'S GO WITH A SLAB OF DOMESTIC BEEF!

BA—M
SIMMERED FOR FIVE HOURS!
CURRY CHOCK-FULL OF BEEF!!

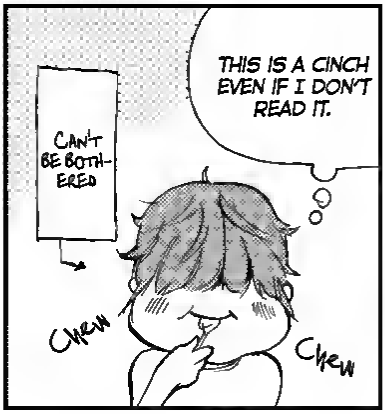
AHAHAHA

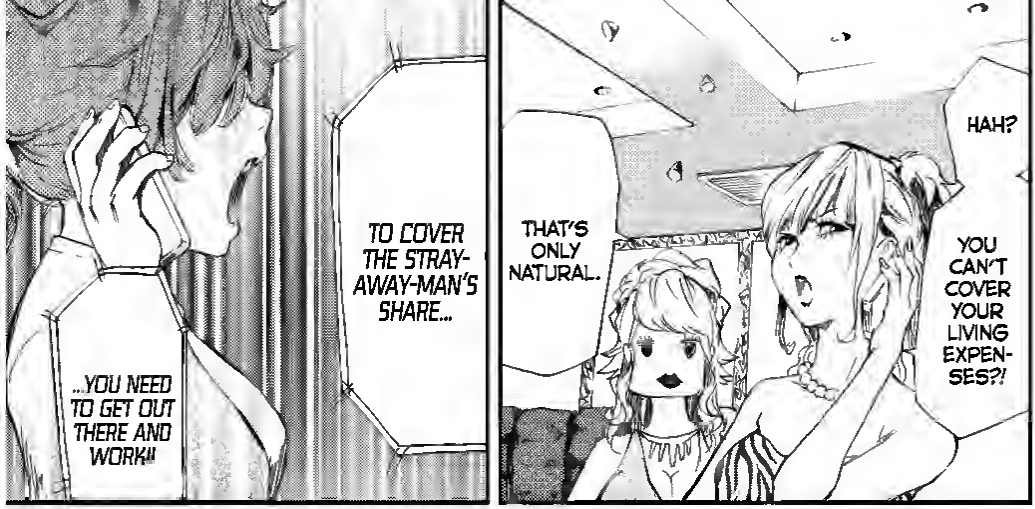

Oooh! Delicious, is it? I gotchu.
THIS IS WHO I AM.
I APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE.

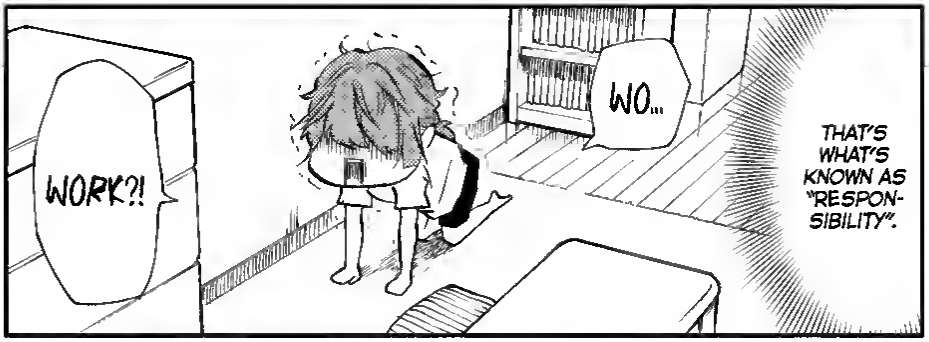
gobble
gobble
gobble


SALARY MAN REARING
Nakakawa Kyuuichi

FAH?!
One week later

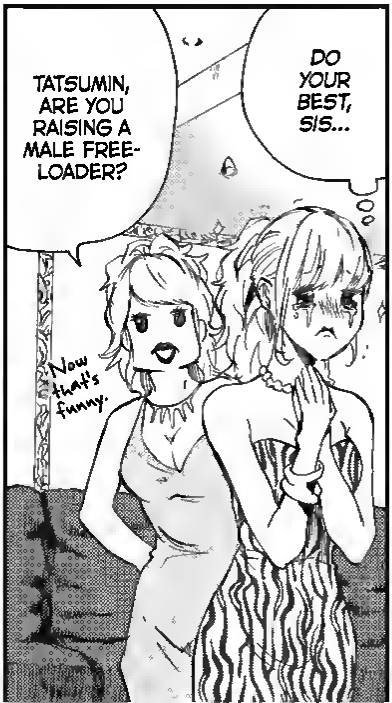

THIS IS A CINCH EVEN IF I DON'T READ IT.
CAN'T BE BOTHERED
Chew
Chew


...YOU NEED TO GET OUT THERE AND WORK!!
TO COVER THE STRAY-AWAY-MAN'S SHARE...
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
HAH?
YOU CAN'T COVER YOUR LIVING EXPENSES?!


WORK?!
WO...
THAT'S WHAT'S KNOWN AS "RESPONSIBILITY".

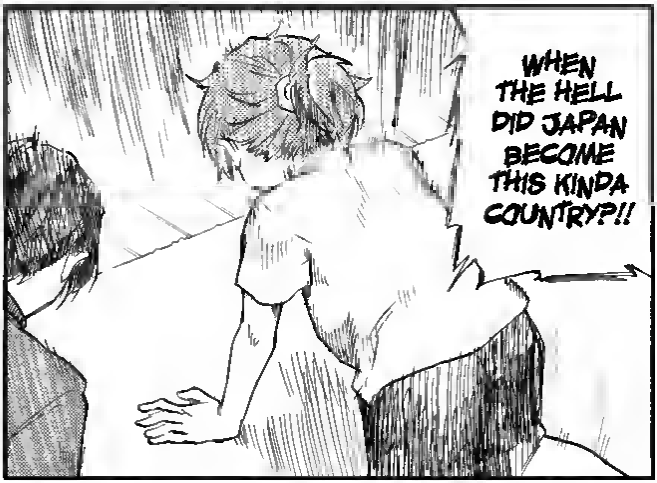
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
shake
WORK.

.....
GROOOAN


TATSUMIN, ARE YOU RAISING A MALE FREE-LOADER?
DO YOUR BEST, SIS...
...Now that's funny.

KUH
tears up

CHIEF NAKATA!
SHOOT


WHEN THE HELL DID JAPAN BECOME THIS KINDA COUNTRY?!!

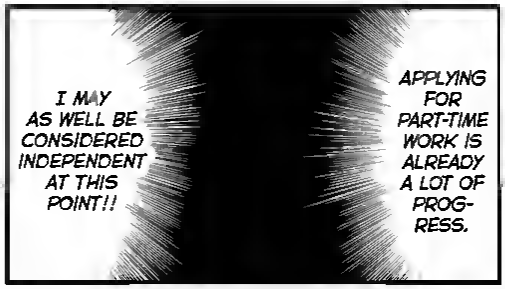
UH
DAMMIT!!

IMMA DO IT!
SHIT

type
type
type
type
TAP
OPEN
Part-time work application methods
SEARCH
tremble
tremble
tremble
tremble
UM-UM-UM, I'M... I, UM, WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR PART-TIME WORK.
Onigiri 100 Yen Sale
FIRST IS A PART-TIME JOB.
I'LL DO THE INTERVIEW...

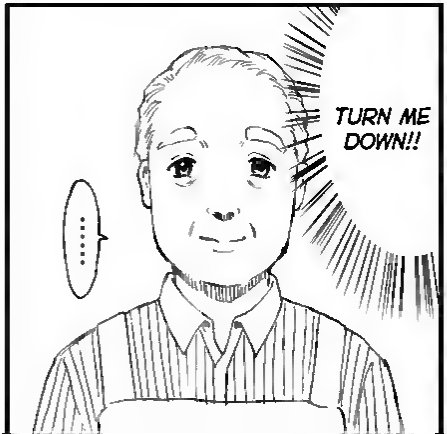
H'OKAY!
STAFF ON
COME IN.
YOU'RE THE ONE O'CLOCK INTER-VIEWEE, RIGHT?

...AND MAKE MYSELF FAIL!!
I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT I CRASH AND BURN!!


I MAY AS WELL BE CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT AT THIS POINT!!
APPLYING FOR PART-TIME WORK IS ALREADY A LOT OF PROG-RESS.

NONE AT ALL!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERI-ENCE?
COME ON, MANAGER...

TATSUMI WILL GO, "I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, SIS" AND SHOULD GIVE ME SUB-SISTENCE MONEY!!
DREG


TURN ME DOWN!!
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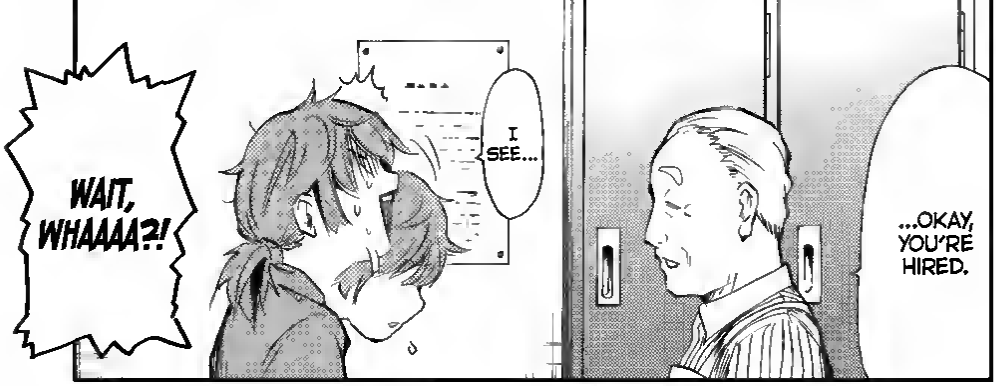

WAIT, WHAAAA?!
I SEE...
...OKAY, YOU'RE HIRED.

WHEN CAN YOU START?
IT'S RARE TO FIND SOMEONE SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD NOWADAYS.
PUTTING YOURSELF OUT THERE TO WORK IS SUCH A WONDERFUL THING.

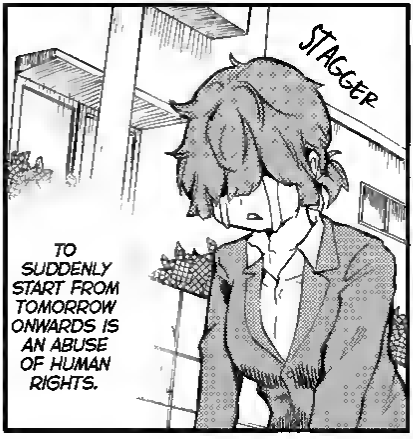
I'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD BY THEN.
HMM...
IN FORTY YEARS TIME... PER-HAPS.

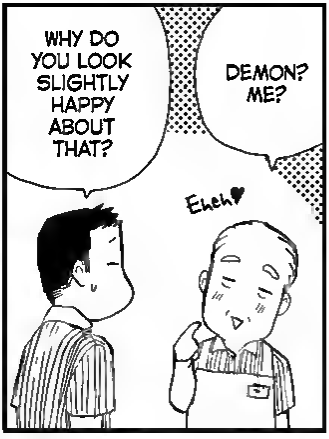
IN...

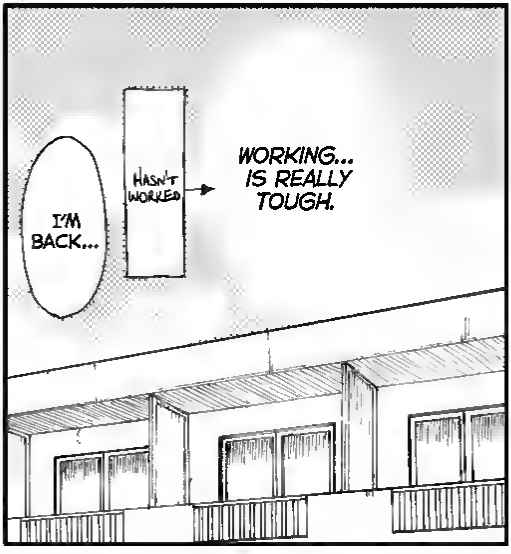
URK...
LIKE, MIDDAY?
OKAY, THEN, HOW ABOUT FROM TO-MORROW?

DASH
WAAHN!!!

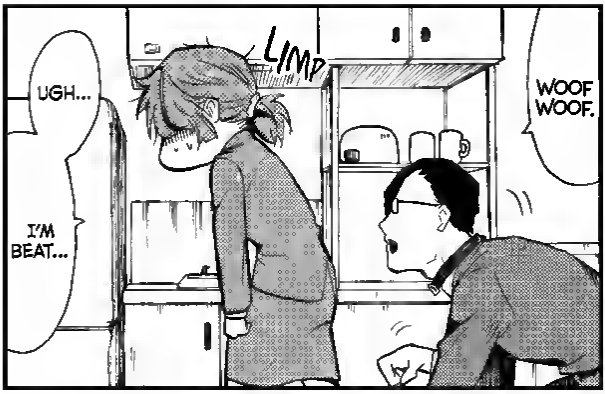
DEMOON!!!


STAGGER
TO SUDDENLY START FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS IS AN ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.


WHY DO YOU LOOK SLIGHTLY HAPPY ABOUT THAT?
DEMON? ME?
Eheh♥


I'M BACK...
HASN'T WORKED
WORKING... IS REALLY TOUGH.

I'LL PROBABLY STILL BE ASLEEP BY THEN...
AND DURING MIDDAY AS WELL...


UGH...
I'M BEAT...
LIMP
WOOF WOOF.

WOOF
.....
GROOOWL

UGH... SAVE IT FOR LATER, CHIEF NAKATA...
WOOF WOOF.

WOOF WOOF WOOF!
WOOF.
drop

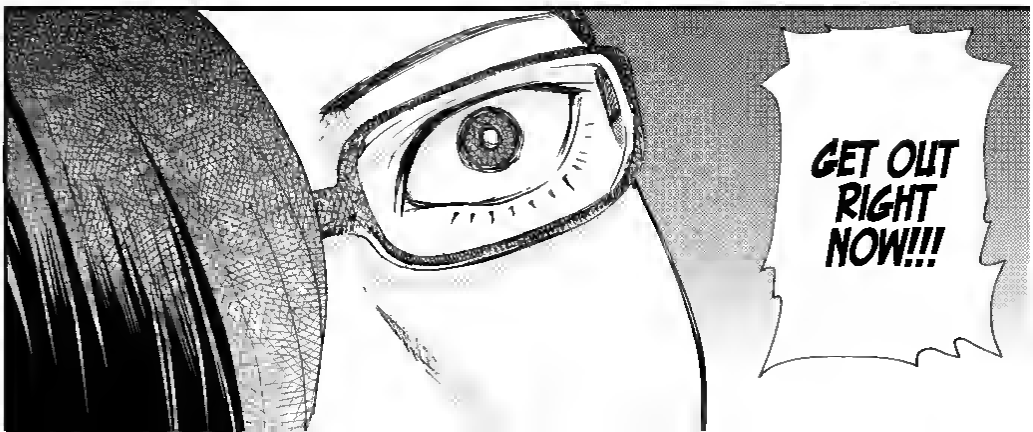
QUI...
WHACK
QUIT IT!!

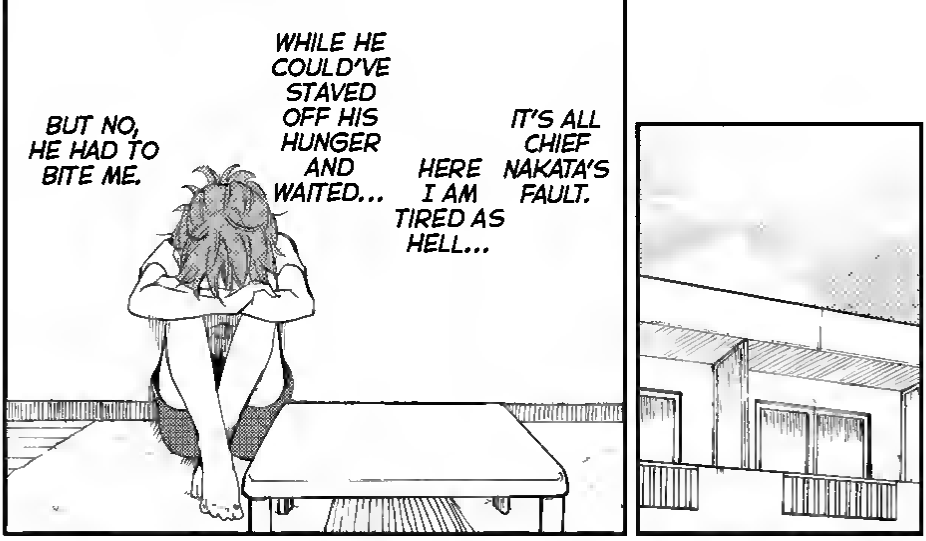
bite bite bite bite bite
YEOWCH!
HIS PATIENCE IS NON-EXIST-EEEENT!!

I'VE HAD IT!!
I'VE...
drip
drip

AND YET, ALL YOU DO IS CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP!! YOU IDIOT!!
I EVEN BECAME A CORPORATE SLAVE FOR YOU!!
SHE HASN'T

GET OUT!


GET OUT RIGHT NOW!!!


BUT NO, HE HAD TO BITE ME.
WHILE HE COULD'VE STAVED OFF HIS HUNGER AND WAITED...
HERE I AM TIRED AS HELL...
IT'S ALL CHIEF NAKATA'S FAULT.

KNOCK

I CAN'T HOLD OUT.
OPEN
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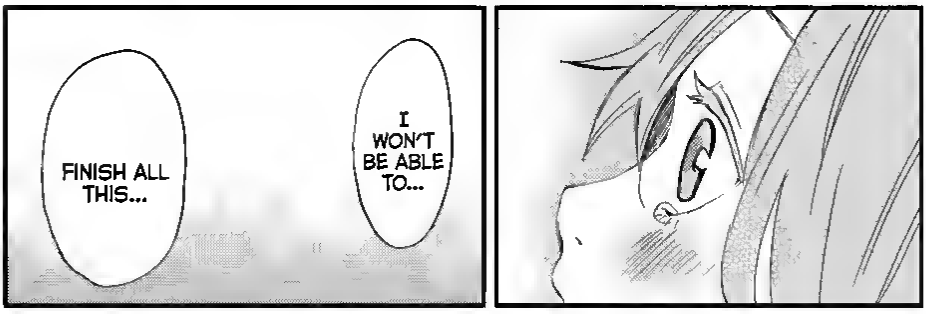
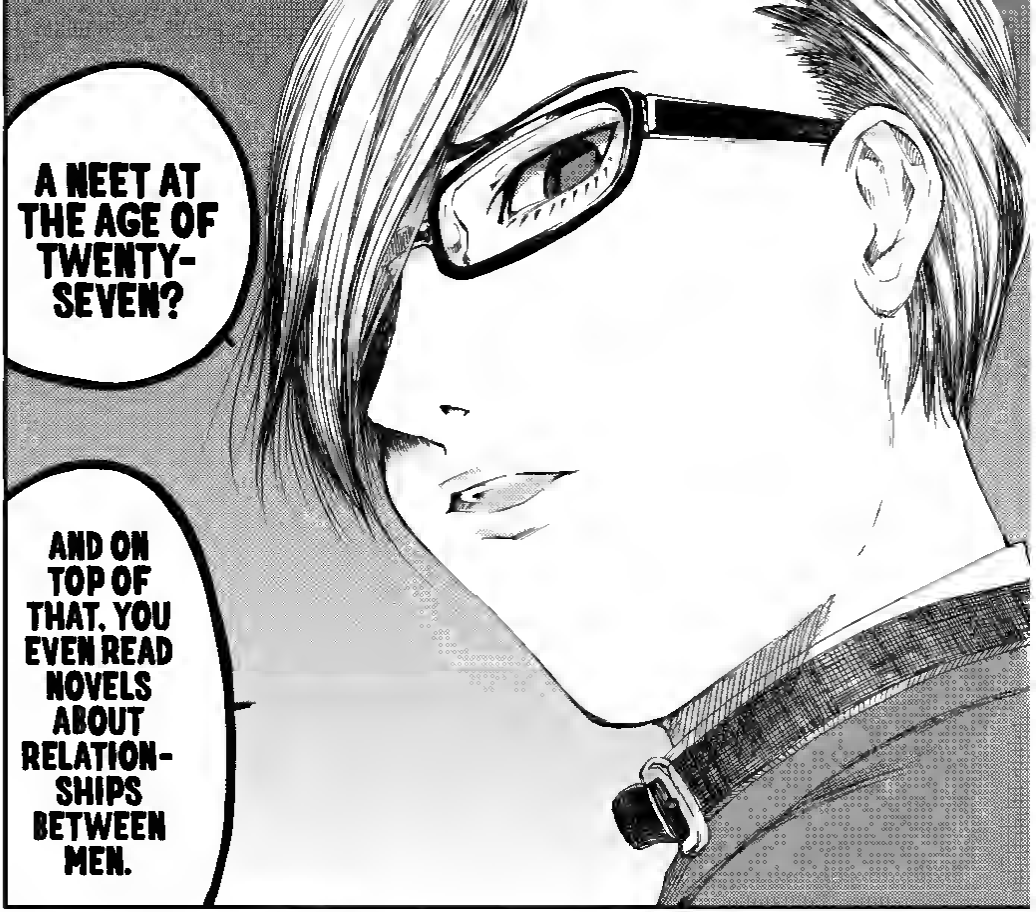

FINISH ALL THIS...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO...

Night Ant
REGULATING TENANTS
CHIEF NAKATA!
WAIT!!

LET'S EAT DELICIOUS FOOD TOGETHER!
GLOMP
I'M SORRY!
IF YOU AREN'T AROUND!!
I'LL BE LONELY...

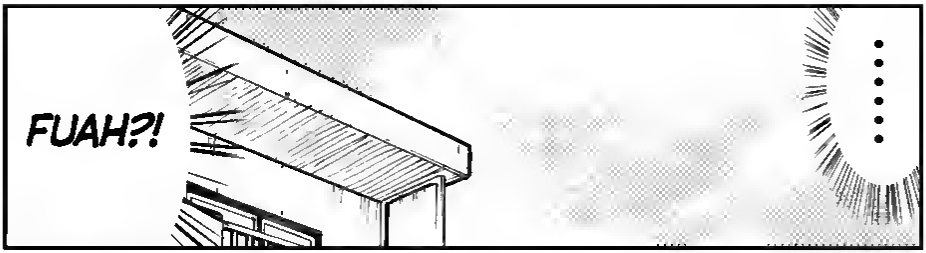
EH?
CHIEF NAKATA...
LET ME GO!!
LET...
STOOD UP...?!
RECRUITING TENANTS
WHAM
HOGEH!
blush


A NEET AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-SEVEN?
AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU EVEN READ NOVELS ABOUT RELATION-SHIPS BETWEEN MEN.

THUD

Grow!
Grow!

GO WORK, YOU UGLY PIG!!
FREAKY FATASS!


FUAH?!
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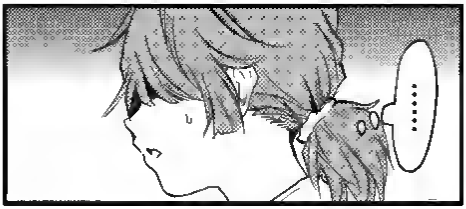
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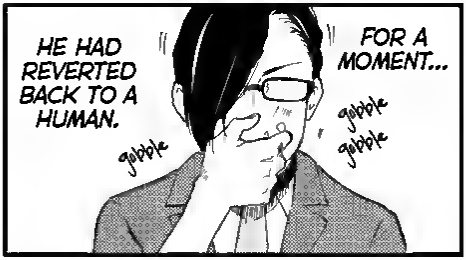
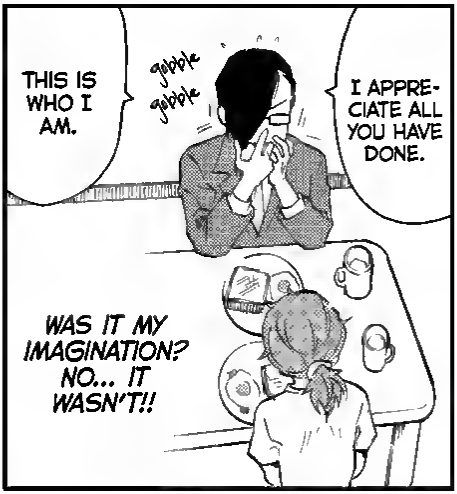
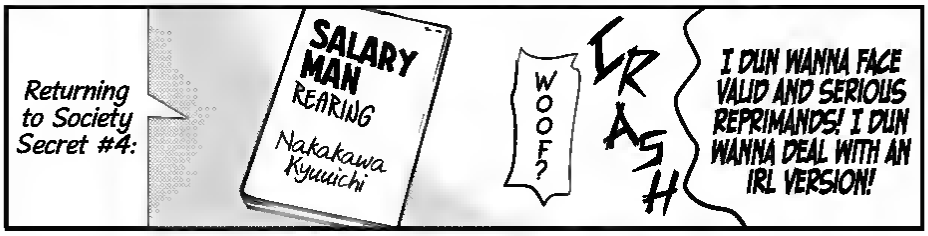

HE HAD REVERTED BACK TO A HUMAN.
FOR A MOMENT...
gobble
gobble
gobble

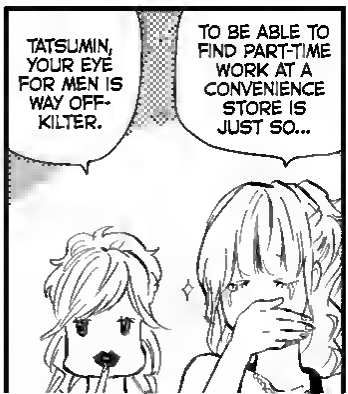

THIS IS WHO I AM.
gobble gobble
I APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE.
WAS IT MY IMAGINATION? NO... IT WASN'T!!

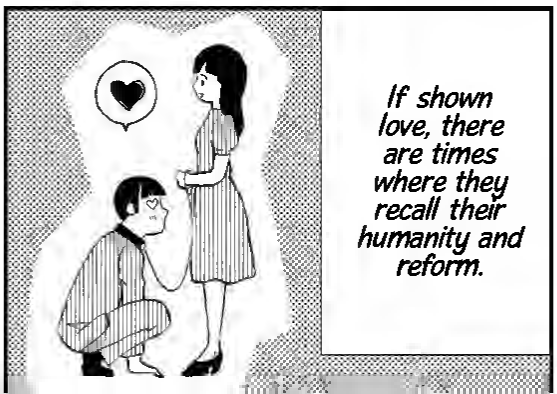
IF CHIEF NAKATA REVERTS BACK TO A HUMAN...
DOES THAT MEAN HE'LL BECOME A REAL GLASSES-WEARING BEAST...?

WHY'D THAT HAPPEN ALL OF A SUDDEN?
bu-thump

GO WORK, YOU UGLY PIG!!
THAT'S...
NOT MOE AT ALL!!


Returning to Society Secret #4:
SALARY MAN REARING
Nakakawa Kyuuichi
WOOF?
CRASH
I DUN WANNA FACE VALID AND SERIOUS REPRIMANDS! I DUN WANNA DEAL WITH AN IRL VERSION!


TATSUMIN, YOUR EYE FOR MEN IS WAY OFF-KILTER.
TO BE ABLE TO FIND PART-TIME WORK AT A CONVENIENCE STORE IS JUST SO...


If shown love, there are times where they recall their humanity and reform.